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Husayni to King Saud

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SOURCE: A tested Palestinian source (B); from unidentified Palestinian informants returning to West Jordan fram Saudi Arabia (F). Appraisal of Content: 3

- 1. According to Palestinian Arabs returning to West Jordan from Saudi Arabia in January 1956, ex-Grand Mufti Haj Amin al-Husayni visited King Saud in Mecca in early January 1956. Husayni reportedly told the King that an overwhelming majority of Palestinian refugees (within Jordan and throughout the Arab states) are pro-ESS, approve of ESS policies, and regard King Saud as their potential savior.
- 2. Saud allegedly gave Husayni a "vast" (but unspecified) sum of money to be spent among refugees for propaganda purposes in attacking Fraq and the Baghdad Pact.
- 3. Husayni is also said to have sought the King's support for the idea of a future separate state in Arab Palestine to be headed by Husayni. Saud reportedly promised to study the matter.

Field Comment. The above is not out of line with other reports from various sources. The Mufti has long been reported as being used by Egypt and Saudi Arabia for their own purposes. Saudi Arabia is a likely source of funds for his operations.

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